



Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental (DIUx): Silicon Valley

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Delivering Capabilities: The Defense Innovation Initiative

In an increasingly competitive and fast-moving technology environment, the Department of Defense (DoD) relies on innovation from a variety of different sources, both internally and externally, to be more permeable to sources of disruptive change that would keep us at par or ahead of the Nation's adversaries.

Innovators clustered in corridors such as Silicon Valley, Boston and Austin, have a rich history of original thinking and novel applications of technology to solve hard problems. As part of the Department's Innovation Initiative, the newly formed Defense Innovation Unit-Experimental (DIUx) is positioned to be accessible to the infusion of new opportunities to accentuate our already rich technology portfolio.

DIUx: Connecting DoD Challenges with Silicon Valley Strengths

DIUx is designed to create a hub for increased communication and collaboration with, knowledge of, and access to innovating, high-tech companies and executives and their leading edge technologies, and other stakeholders across the Valley's innovation ecosystem.

The mission of DIUx is to:

- strengthen existing relationships and build new ones
- scout for breakthrough and emerging technologies
- serve as a local point of presence for the Department of Defense

DIUx Team

DIUx will be a visible and accessible "point of presence" for the DoD, made of up active duty, civilian and key reserve personnel, amidst Silicon Valley's commercial technology ecosystem. The team will help communicate our most challenging national security problems to innovators and entrepreneurs, serve as matchmakers between ideas and opportunities, and will help these organizations navigate through the DoD to where they can make the greatest difference.

The Silicon Valley based pilot office was opened in early-August, 2015 and is located outside the Moffett Field/NASA Ames complex in Mountain View, California.

More information about DIUx and its leadership can be found at the www.DefenseInnovationMarketplace.mil. To contact DIUx, email osd.diux@mail.mil.

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